



U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON

Finance

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Grassley to Convene Hearing on Singapore, Chile Trade Agreements

Event: hearing, "The Implementation of U.S. Bilateral Free Trade Agreements With Singapore and Chile"

Date/time: Tuesday, June 17, 2003, at 10 a.m.

Location: 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Description: Sen. Chuck Grassley, chairman of the Committee on Finance, will convene a hearing on the recently signed free trade agreements between the United States and Singapore and the United States and Chile. The agreements are the first Congress will consider under the Trade Promotion Authority law passed after the urging of Grassley and others last year. The law re-established the traditional partnership on trade between the Congress and the executive branch. It allows Congress and the Administration to work together to open new markets for American exports, set fair rules of conduct for U.S. investors overseas, and help raise the standard of living for millions of people around the world. Grassley said the hearing will examine the substance of the Singapore and Chile free trade agreements to make sure they meet the needs of America's workers, farmers, and consumers. Grassley said it's important to have the hearing now to ensure congressional consideration as soon as possible.

A witness list will be available later.